

HCCMS TIGER NEWS

August 1, 2022



Harris County School District 2022-2023 School Year Calendar

July 2022						
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- First Day/Last Day of School
- Progress Reports/Report Cards
- Federal/Student/Teacher Holiday
- Teacher/Staff In-Service (No Students)



August 2022						
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2-4 - Teacher In-Service
5 - First Day of School

5 - Labor Day
9 - Progress Reports Released

7 - End of 1st 9 Weeks
10 - Columbus Day
14 - Report Cards Released

11 - Veterans Day
11 - Teacher In-Service
15 - Progress Reports Released
21-25 - Thanksgiving Break

16 - End of 2nd 9 Weeks
19 - Teacher In-Service
20-30 - Winter Break

January 2023						
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May 2023						
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2 - Winter Break
3 - Teacher In-Service
6 - Report Cards Released
16 - Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

10 - Progress Reports Released
17 - Teacher In-Service
20 - President's Day

10 - Teacher In-Service
14 - End of 3rd 9 Weeks
17 - Report Cards Released

3-7 - Spring Break
26 - Progress Reports Released

TBA - Graduation
24 - Last Day of School
25-26 - Teacher In-Service
29 - Memorial Day

June 2023						
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Days Per Term	
1st 9 Weeks	- 45 days
2nd 9 Weeks	- 43 days
1st Semester	- 88 days
3rd 9 Weeks	- 46 days
4th 9 Weeks	- 46 days
2nd Semester	- 92 days

MM EOC (HCHS) - TBD	MM EOC (HCHS) - TBD	EOG (Grades 3-8) - TBD
MM EOC (HCHS) - TBD	Winter EOC (HCHS) - TBD	Spring EOC (HCHS) - TBD
MM EOC (HCHS) - TBD	MM EOC (HCHS) - TBD	AP Exams - TBD
PSAT - TBD	MM EOC (HCHS) - TBD	EOG Retest - TBD
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State Assessments (Grades 3-12)	
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MM- Mid-month administration, EOC - End of Course, EOG - End of Grade

2 - Report Cards Mailed
19 - Juneteenth

Administrative Team

Melissa D. Gates, Principal

Carl Dekker, 7th Grade Assistant Principal

Bette Mobley, 8th Grade Assistant Principal

Cameron Chapman, 7th Grade Counselor

Steve Hammonds, 8th Grade Counselor

Breakfast and Lunch

Our nutrition staff is eager to provide a well-balanced meal to each student this school year. For the past two year, each student has been afforded the opportunity to receive a free meal. This waiver has ended and we will now need to collect a meal application from each student. Even if you decide not to apply for a free/reduced meal, we ask that you indicate this choice on the form and return it to the school within two days. Student meal cost will be \$1.50 for breakfast and \$3.00 for lunch. This price may be adjusted based on the meal application that is provided.

Chromebooks

Each student will receive a school issued Chromebook this school year. We plan to issue Chromebooks as early as the week of August 8, 2022. A Chromebook agreement will be forwarded to you. There is an expectation for your child to always use their device appropriately. Students will receive guidance as to the acceptable use of the Chromebook.

Cellphone Use

In an effort to keep our student's focus on their social, emotional, and academic well-being, cellphone use will be limited to our "green zones." Our "green zones" will include the cafeteria, office areas and classroom with the teacher's permission. Student will have access to their technology through the use of their Chromebooks. Student who do not follow the acceptable policies for cellphone use are subject to having their cellphones turned in to the main office for pick up at the end of the day. Should we notice that there is more of a concern (after we have received a phone four times), parents may be required to pick up the device. Our student's education is our primary focus.

Daily Attendance

Student's daily and timely attendance is a good measure of a students' academic success. Each tardy and/or absence means a student has lost an opportunity to learn. Students are expected begin classes on Friday, August 5, 2022. Our daily class schedule begins at 8 am and ends at 2:55 pm. Students may arrive at the cafeteria entrance as early as 7:20 am each morning. Timely arrival is important. Once a student is tardy four times, a disciplinary referral will be populated so that we can offer support and encourage timely arrival. For more details about attendance, please see our Student Behavior Code and Attendance Protocol handbook that will be sent home on the first day of school.

- 7:20 am Student car rider drop off at the front of the building (parent traffic should enter and exit on Mobley Road).

- 7:30 am Students are released to classes
 - 8:00 am - 2:55 pm Regular school hours
 - 2:55 pm* Student car rider pick up time
- *(Please do not arrive on campus before 2:45pm, adjustments for elementary school pickups will be considered)

Handbook and Dress Code

Each student will receive a copy of the HCCMS Student Handbook. This handbook is a guide to our expectations. We strive to offer an atmosphere conducive to learning each day. The items found in our handbook will help us achieve this goal. A link to our student handbook and dress code can be found on our website by visiting www.harris.k12.ga.us

We will follow the guidance of our district by using the 2022-2023 HCSD Protocol for Healthy Schools. The protocol can be found on our district's website. Mask/Face Coverings are optional for all persons in the school district facilities and on the school bus.

Parent and Student Portal

As you completed your child's 2022-2023 Online Registration, you were also gaining access to Parent Portal. Parent Portal and Student Portal are great tools to use throughout the year to see your child's schedule and most current grades. You may begin to see your child's 1st nine weeks schedule as early as Tuesday, August 2, 2022 by 4 pm.

School Cash Online

All fees over \$5 will need to be paid using our online site this year. Please visit our school's website at www.harris.k12.ga.us/hccms, select the "For Parents" tab and you will find information about how to complete the School Cash Online Registration.

SNEAK-A-PEEK

We look forward to seeing you at Sneak-A-Peek on August 4 from 2pm – 6pm. If you have not been able to access your child's schedule using Parent/Student Portal, simply stop by the cafeteria and our team members will be happy to help.

Sneak-A-Peek scavenger hunt:

- Find your class schedule online and challenge yourself to walk through the schedule,
- Find your homeroom teacher (we will have people available to help you navigate the building),
- Complete your Online Registration (if you have not already done so),
- Purchase a school themed shirt for \$5 while they last,
- Sign up to participate on our Parent Engagement Team and/or Local School Council. This sign up form is also available on line using this link: <https://forms.gle/qXNpdgkrADyJxFZC6>

- Find out about SSS (Students Standing Strong)
- Pick up a few free school supplies courtesy of Brothers for Brothers and Friendship Baptist Church

PE Shirts and Lockers

PE shirts are a requirement for our students as we focus on their personal hygiene and collaborative team work in their physical education classes. Students will be able to purchase their PE shirt online beginning Friday, August 5, 2022 for \$10 each. These dry-fit shirts are of nice quality and easy to clean. The physical education teachers will provide you with more details.

Student lockers will be available this year! The combination lockers will help provide a place for student to put their backpacks during the day. Students will work with their teachers to learn what items need to be carried throughout the day as they are provided with a locker schedule. Students will be able to rent a locker for a \$10 yearly fee. These funds will be collected online beginning August 5, 2022. Student will only need to bring a notebook and pencil to school for the first few days to help them acclimate to their new schedule.

SPORTS

HCCMS Football Info:

- HCCMS football season will be in the Fall 2022
- Open to all upcoming 6th – 8th grade students
- HCCMS football teams do not play on the weekends
- HCCMS Football tryouts **August 1 – 5 and August 8 – 12**
 - Sign up on our school website under the “Sports” tab
 - 2. Complete the physical, medical consent, concussion and cardiac forms and submit those forms by the published due date.
 - 3. Come to tryouts/conditioning on time and ready to participate. We have a responsibility to make sure that our athletes are eligible according to the West Georgia Middle School Athletic League’s rules/regulations.
 - If you have any questions contact Head Football Coach Kinsey (kinsey-m@harris.k12.ga.us)

HCCMS Soccer Info:

- HCCMS soccer season will be in the Fall 2022
- Open to all upcoming 6th – 8th grade students
- HCCMS soccer teams do not play on weekends
- HCCMS Soccer tryouts **August 9-11**
 - 1. Sign up (in the fall) on our school website under the “Sports” tab
 - 2. Complete the physical, medical consent, concussion and cardiac forms and submit those forms by the published due date.
 - 3. Come to tryouts/conditioning on time and ready to participate. We have a responsibility to make sure that our athletes are eligible according to the Muscogee County Athletic Department rules/regulations.
 - If you have any questions contact Coach Johnson or Coach Fuerte.

This takes some time as we are looking to check grades and submission of paperwork. Those who miss the deadline for sign up and paperwork submission will be delayed by one day for tryouts/conditioning. This will provide our team with adequate time to clear the

student for safety and eligibility. Be sure to adhere to the coaching staff's requirements. Some do require that students attend all days of tryouts before being considered for the team

Boys Tryout Recommendations

Run a mile under 6 minutes and 20 seconds
Juggle soccer ball at least 10 times

Boys Coach:

Evan Johnson- johnson-e@harris.k12.ga.us

Girls Tryout Recommendations

Run a mile in under 7 minutes
Controlled timed dribble drill

Girls Coaches:

Maddie Fuerte- fuerte.m@harris.k12.ga.us

Lindsay Lewis- lewis-l@harris.k12.ga.us

HCCMS Student-athletes are chosen because they demonstrate talent and a commitment to their sport of choice. This commitment begins as they decide which sport is best suited for their talents. As students decide to try out, we ask that you adhere to the sign-up procedures and paperwork completion. We will publish the sign-up dates and physical due dates on our website and make daily announcements. All potential athletes are to complete the following steps in order to participate:

1. *Sign up on our school website under the "Sports" tab*
2. *Complete the physical, medical consent, concussion and cardiac forms and submit those forms by the published due date.*
3. *Come to tryouts/conditioning on time and ready to participate*

We have a responsibility to make sure that our athletes are eligible according to the Muscogee County Athletic Department rules/regulations. This takes some time as we are looking to check grades and submission of paperwork. Those who miss the deadline for sign up and paperwork submission will be delayed by one day for tryouts/conditioning. This will provide our team with adequate time to clear the student for safety and eligibility. Be sure to adhere to the coaching staff's requirements. Some do require that students attend all days of tryouts before being considered for the team.

Contact Us:

Dial 706-628-4951

Receptionist Extension: 1701

Nurse Extension: 1706

7th grade Office/Athletics Extension: 1702

7th grade Counselor Extension: 1704

8th grade Office Extension: 1715

8th grade Counselor Extension: 1710

Media Center Extension: 1724

Cafeteria Extension: 1720

Main Office/Student and Parent Portal Extension: 1707

Registrar/Records/Transportation: 1709



